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To All Washington Cooperative Snow Surveyors,

Attached is the 2005-06 Snow Survey Schedule for Washington. Please review the schedule carefully and note on your calendar the dates you will need to do the surveys. Please review the attached schedules carefully as there are a number of changes from previous years.

Things to Remember

- Record the pillow and precipitation manometer levels on the snow note sheet. The manometer tapes are in feet, tenths of feet and hundredths of feet. They are not feet and inches. Double-check your readings.
- Snow Pillow and manometer measurements are to be taken at all SNOTEL sites as indicated on the schedule with an "S".
- If the snow pillow marking stakes are covered by snow and can't be seen, **DO NOT** try to estimate where to measure. Take manometer readings only and make comments on snow survey sheet.

The time to check your equipment is before the season begins. Be sure your snow sampling kit contains all the required parts. Review the "Snow Survey Sampling Guide" (Agriculture Handbook No. 169). When sampling, make sure that the tube contains a core which is representative of the entire snow profile. **Determine the snow density after each sample.** If the density is not within 5% of the other densities, resample that point.

Please use one field note sheet for each snow course measured and another field note sheet for each SNOTEL site even if there is no snow. Please be sure and calculate totals and averages for both water content and snow depth for each course/site. Double check your figures as these are what we enter in the water supply forecast procedures.

Please do the surveys within five days prior to the first of the month. The timing for the SNOTEL snow pillow and manometer readings is not as critical as for the snow courses. SNOTEL sites can be measured up to a week prior to or after the scheduled date.

Surveyors should:

- phone snow sample data in to the Data Collection Office (DCO), (503) 414-3267 for Oregon & (208) 378-5740 for Idaho reporting sites.
- keep a reference copy in your office.
- mail original copy of each field note sheet to the appropriate DCO.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment.

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OREGON DCO:

USDA - NRCS
1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., STE 900
Portland, OR 97204-3221

ATTN.: Snow Survey Notes
(503) 414-3267
fax: (503) 414-3277

IDAHO DCO:

USDA - NRCS
9173 W. Barnes Drive, Suite C
Boise, ID 83709-1574

ATTN.: Snow Survey Notes
(208) 378-5741
fax: (208) 378-5735

It is important that you keep a copy of the snow note in case the originals get lost in the mail or if you get a call for the information.

Good Luck on a successful snow survey season. If you have any questions, please call the appropriate Snow Survey Data Collection Office or Scott Pattee at (360) 428-7684, ext. 141.

SCOTT PATTEE
Water Supply Specialist

Attachments

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**WASHINGTON
COOPERTIVE SNOW SURVEY
AND
WATER SUPPLY FORECASTING PROGRAM**



**WATER YEAR 2006
SNOW SURVEY MEASUREMENT SCHEDULE**

RECOMMENDED DATES FOR SCHEDULING SNOW SURVEYS FOR WATER YEAR 2006

REPORT DATE	SUGGESTED MEASUREMENT DATES	DATA TO REACH SNOW SURVEY OFFICE ON OR BEFORE
JANUARY 1	December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30	1 January 2006
FEBRUARY 1	January 25, 26, 27, 30, 31	1 February 2006
MARCH 1	February 22, 23, 24, 27, 28	1 March 2006
March 15	March 9, 10, 13, 14	15 March 2006
APRIL 1	March 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	1 April 2006
MAY 1	April 24, 25, 26, 27, 28	1 May 2006
June 1	May 25, 26, 29, 30, 31	1 June 2006

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STATION	OBSERVER	1/1	2/1	3/1	3/15	4/1	5/1	6/1
BEAVER PASS	SEATTLE CITY LIGHT	X	X	X		X	X	X
BEAVER PASS ST			S			S		
BEAVER CR. TRAIL	Ole Kjosnes	X	X	X		X	X	X
BROWN TOP	206-386-4544	X	X	X		X	X	X
DEVILS PARK		X	X	X		X	X	X
FREEZEOUT CR.		X	X	X		X	X	X
GRANITE CREEK		X	X	X		X	X	X
HARTS PASS SNOTEL			S			S		
HARTS PASS AERIAL		X	X	X		X	X	X
HOZOMEEN SNOTEL			S			S		
MEADOW CABINS		X	X	X		X	X	X
NEW LAKE HOZOMEEN		X	X	X		X	X	X
RAINY PASS SNOTEL			S			S		
RAINY PASS AERIAL		X	X	X		X	X	X
SWAMP CREEK SNTL			S			S		
THUNDER BASIN			X			X	X	X
THUNDER BASIN ST			S			S		
DOCK BUTTE AM	PSP&L - BELLEVUE	A	A	A		A	A	
EASY PASS AM	Bob Barnes 425-462-3096	A	AX	A		AX	A	
JASPER PASS AM		A	AX	A		AX	A	
MARTEN LAKE AM		A	A	A		A	A	
MT. BLUM AM		A	A	A		A	A	
ROCKY CREEK AM		A	A	A		A	A	
SCHREIBERS AM		A	A	A		A	A	
S.F. THUNDER AM		A	A	A		A	A	
WATSON LAKES AM		A	A	A		A	A	
KROMONA MINE	Snohomish PUD					X		
OLNEY PASS	Bruce Meaker 425-783-1722					X		
MIDDLE SULTAN						X		
STICKNEY RIDGE						X		
GRASS MOUNTAIN #2	COE-Seattle		X	X	X	X	X	
COUGAR MTN. SNOT	Larry Schick - 206-764-6898		S					
LESTER CREEK			X	X	X	X	X	
SAWMILL RIDGE	One mid-month survey		X	X	X	X	X	
LYNN LAKE	will be scheduled per		X	X	X	X	X	
TWIN CAMP	season as determined		X	X	X	X	X	
	by need.							

Legend

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STATION	OBSERVER	1/1	2/1	3/1	4/1	5/1
ALPINE MEADOWS	SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITY		X	X	X	
ALPINE MEADOWS ST	Darian Davis - 206-386-4221		S	S	S	
CITY CABIN			X	X	X	
MEADOWS PASS ST			S	S	S	
MT. GARDNER			X	X	X	
MT. GARDNER ST			S	S	S	
TINKHUM CREEK ST			S	S	S	
REX RIVER SNOTEL			S	S	S	
SKOOKUM CREEK ST			S	S	S	
COX VALLEY	NPS Port Angeles	X	X	X	X	
DEER PARK		X	X	X	X	
HURRICANE	Bill Baccus 360-565-3061				X	
WATERHOLE SNOTEL			S		S	
CORRAL PASS SNTL	NRCS Portland					
JUNE LAKE SNOTEL	Jon Lea - 503-414-3267					
LONE PINE SNOTEL						
MORSE LAKE SNOTEL						
POTATO HILL SNTL						
SHEEP CANYON SNTL	(Surveyed as Needed)					
SPENCER MEADOWS S						
SPIRIT LAKE SNTL						
SURPRISE LAKES ST						
SWIFT CK. SNOTEL						
PIGTAIL PEAK ST						
WHITE PASS SNOTEL						
PARADISE SNOTEL	NPS Mt. Rainier		S		S	
CAYUSE PASS (BI)	Steve Klump 360-569-2611					
	X3304					
MT. CRAG SNOTEL	Volunteer- PA		S		S	
DUNGENESS SNOTEL	Kerry Perkins 360-457-5686		S		S	
WELLS CREEK SNTL	NRCS - Lynden		S		S	
ELBOW LAKE SNTL	John Gillies 360-354-2035		S		S	
MARTEN RIDGE	Scott Pattee 360-428-7684		X		X	
M.F. NOOKSACK			S		S	
SCHREIBERS MEADOW		X	X	X	X	X
BURNT MTN. SNOTEL	NRCS Pierce County		S		S	
HUCKLEBERRY CK. ST	Monica Hoover - 360-704-7752		S		S	
MOWICH SNOTEL	Randy Brake 253-798-4651		S		S	

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MUTTON CREEK #1	Okanogan NRCS &		X	X	X	
RUSTY CREEK	Okanogan Irr. Dist.		X	X	X	
SALMON MEADOWS ST	Stan Janowicz 509-422-2750		S			
TOATS COULEE	Okanogan NRCS &		X	X	X	
DUNCAN RIDGE	Whitestone Reclamation		X	X	X	
IRENE'S CAMP	Stan Janowicz 509-422-2750		X	X	X	
COLD CREEK STRIP			X	X	X	
BUTTERMILK	Okanogan NRCS &		X	X	X	
LAMB BUTTE	Methow Valley Group		X	X	X	
LOUP LOUP	Stan Janowicz 509-422-2750		X	X	X	
MAZAMA			X	X	X	
STARVATION MTN.			X	X	X	
THOMPSON RIDGE			X	X	X	
POPE RIDGE SNOTEL	Okanogan NRCS		S			
CLOUDY PASS AM	CHELAN PUD		A	A	A	
LITTLE MEADOWS AM	Janet Jaspers - 509-663-8121		A	A	A	
LYMAN LAKE SNOTEL			S		S	
LYMAN LAKE SC			X	X	X	
LYMAN LAKE AM			A	A	A	
PARK CREEK RIDGE			S		S	
MINERS RIDGE ST			S		S	
BRIEF	NRCS-Wenatchee		X	X	X	
MISSION RIDGE	Gary Mitchell - 509-664-0265		X	X	X	
BERNE-MILL CR.	USFS-Lake Wenatchee	X	X	X	X	X
CHIAWAUKUM G. S.	Roger Ross - 509-763-3103	X	X	X	X	X
MERRIT		X	X	X	X	X
STEVENS PASS ST			S		S	
STEVENS PASS SAND		X	X	X	X	X
KELLER RIDGE	Colville Tribe		X	X	X	
MT TOLMAN	Walt Hunner - 509-634-4711		X	X	X	
DISATEL PASS			X	X	X	
MOSES MTN. #1	(alias Moses Peak)		X	X	X	
MOSES MTN. #2	(alias Moses Mtn. #1)		X	X	X	
MOSES MTN. SNOTEL			S			
SUMMIT TRAIL			X	X	X	
TWIN LAKES			X	X	X	
METEOR	(replaces Twin Lakes)		X	X	X	
CENTRAL PEAK			X	X	X	
GOLD MOUNTAIN			X	X	X	
BROWNS PASS			X	X	X	

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BLEWETT PASS ST	Ellensburg NRCS		S			
BLEWETT PASS NO 2	Chris Bove 509-925-8585		X		X	
GROUSE CAMP ST	Allen Aronica		S			
COLOCKUM PASS			X		X	
TROUGH SNOTEL			S			
FROST MEADOWS			X	X	X	
SHELL ROCK			X	X	X	
GREEN LAKE SNOTEL			S			
STEMILT SLIDE			X	X	X	
UPPER WHEELER ST			S			
AHTANUM R. S.	NRCS Yakima	X	X	X	X	
	509-454-5746					
BUMPING LAKE NEW	Yakima BOR	X	X	X	X	X
FISH LAKE SNOTEL	Tony Holcomb - 509-575-5848		S		S	
FISH LAKE			X	X	X	X
DOMMERIE FLAT		X	X	X	X	X
STAMPEDE PASS ST					S	
TUNNEL AVENUE		X	X	X	X	X
SASSE RIDGE ST			S		S	
BUMPING RIDGE ST	Mel Moore 509-966-4708				S	
VAN EPPS PASS	Clarence Harrel 509-925-9283				X	
LOST HORSE SNOTEL	YAKIMA INDIAN NATION		S		S	
SATUS PASS	Rocko Clark 509-856-4946		X	X	X	
	Scott Ladd					

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BAIRD #2	Colville NRCS		X	X	X	
BOYER MOUNTAIN	Dave Kreft - 509-685-0937			X	X	X
BUTTE CREEK #2 (BI)	Doug Rochester				X	
CHEWELAH #2				X	X	
GOAT CREEK #2			X	X	X	
STRANGER MTN (BI)					X	
SENTINEL BUTTE			S		S	
SUMMIT G.S. #2			X	X	X	
VULCAN MTN.			X	X	X	
ROAD 250			X	X	X	
BUNCHGRASS MDWS			S			
TOUCHET #2 SNOTEL	W/ Dayton FO 509-382-4773		S			
RAGGED RIDGE	W/ Spokane County		X	X	X	X
THOMPSON CR.	Marianne 509-477-7443		X	X	X	X
ROUND TOP MTN.			X	X	X	X
QUARTZ PEAK SNTL			S			
NORTH BALDY	W/ kalispel tribe		X	X	X	
SOUTH BALDY	Michele 509-445-1147		X	X	X	
TOGO	Spokane Tribe		X	X	X	
CHAMOKANE #1	Brian Crossley 509-258-9217x20		X	X	X	
CHAMOKANE #2			X	X	X	
SPRUCE SPRINGS S	ASOTIN COUNTY		S		S	
SOURDOUGH GULCH	BUTCH AIKEN 509-243-2088		S		S	

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